

HOUSE BILL 1754

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-6-705, relative to utilization review agents engaging in utilization review for mental health care.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-6-705(a)(10)(C), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(C) After the initial utilization review, additional information or follow-up utilization review shall be limited to no more than ten percent (10%) of the total number of mental health and chemical dependency patients' reviews performed by the utilization review agent for the previous year adjusted for the difference of covered lives in this state for the present calendar year or as otherwise required by the utilization review accreditation commission (URAC). The ten-percent limit shall not apply to utilization review applicable to at risk populations, patients seen more than two (2) visits a week and patients for which substance abuse is reported or suspected. Calls from review agents to providers for appointment follow-up calls or for the credentialing process shall also not be subject to the ten-percent limit;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-6-705(b), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.